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TITLE: HIV Prevention Education: Strategies for Success at the Local Level

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ISSUE: At a time when schools systems are increasingly asked to focus on basic academic achievement, schools and school districts need assistance in planning and implementing effective HIV prevention education that also supports student academics.

SETTING: Florida's state education agency HIV prevention project and the states four funded local education agencies (Broward, Miami-Dade, Orange and Palm Beach counties) administer HIV education programs for Florida's more than 2,000,000 K-12th grade students.

• **PROJECTS:**

- The statewide and local projects implement HIV education programs by:
- Identifying successful strategies for HIV prevention program planning
- Incorporating a community approach to planning, implementing and evaluating HIV prevention programs
- Identifying strategies for integrating HIV prevention education in curricula supporting student academic achievement

RESULTS:

- HIV prevention programs that are effective, efficiently implemented and evaluated
- HIV prevention programs that are supported by and involve parents, community organizations, the school board and the medical community
- HIV prevention education that is taught and reinforced by educators throughout the school

LESSONSLEARNED:

- Effective planning support programs that are well-implemented and effective
- Community involvement can lead to more effective HIV prevention program implementation
- HIV prevention education can contribute to better health and student academic success

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